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TAGS: OSCI TGEN YO  
SUBJ: SFCP-US/YGUSLAVIA JOINT BOARD MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 46452, (B) STATE 37090

SUMMARY: FAISECTC MAINTAINS ITS POSITION ON POSTPONING THE  
JOINT BOARD MEETING, BUT SUTLOVIC INTRODUCES A POSSIBLE  
MITIGATING FACTOR.  
END SUMMARY

1. SCIATT VERBALLY PRESENTED DEPARTMENT'S POSITION (REF A) IN  
AS FORCEFUL TERMS AS IT IS WRITTEN, TO FAISECTC ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR LJUBO RELJIC AND SUTLOVIC. DESPITE SCIATT'S URGINGS  
RELJIC STUCK TO FAISECTC'S UNILATERAL DECISION TO POSTPONE THE  
JOINT BOARD MEETING. IN EXPLANATION, HE STRESSED THAT THE  
YUGOSLAV SIDE WAS MOTIVATED SOLELY BY A PRAGMATIC DESIRE TO BE  
BETTER PREPARED AND NOT BY ANY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. HE  
RECOGNIZED THE DIFFICULTIES THE POSTPONEMENT CAUSED THE U.S. SIDE  
BUT CONCLUDED IT WAS TOO LATE TO GET MEETING BACK ON TRACK FOR  
MARCH 7-11. HE OFFERED AN ALTERNATIVE OF LATE APRIL.

2. AS SCIATT WAS LEAVING, SUTLOVIC CONFIDED THAT HIS FATHER DIED  
LAST WEEK.

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3. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY SUTLOVIC FELT UNABLE TO LEAVE YUGOSLAVIA  
BECAUSE OF HIS FATHER'S DEATH AND THROUGH FAISECTC SEIZED  
UPON TH U.S. PROPOSAL AS AN EXCUSE FOR POSTPONING THE MEETING-  
SUBSTITUTING AN UNACCEPTABLE RATIONALE FOR AN UNDERSTANDABLE  
ONE. IF HE HAS TOLD US THIS RIGHT AWAY, OUR POSITION WOULD HAVE  
BEEN LESS SHARP.

4. REQUEST OES/APT/SEP CANCEL APPOINTMENTS REF B AND  
INFORM HERMAN POLLACK AND DEAN BURTON SAPIN AT GEORGE WASHINGTON  
UNIVERSITY THAT MALLOY'S VISIT CANCELLED, AND LETTER WILL FOLLOW.  
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